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SPEAKING CONTEST RESULTS

The 2009 Environmental Speaking Contest was held recently with participants in three divisions. In the Elementary Division, David Bognar placed first with his speech, 'Emerald Ash Borer'. Clay Steiner and McKylie Hoff placed second and third, respectively. Kylee Lofthus placed first in the Junior Division with her speech 'Wetlands of the Wild'; Quinn Steiner placed second and Angie Ramos, third. Logan LaGesse placed first in the Senior Division. His speech was entitled 'Take Me to the Lake'. The three first place speakers then went on to complete in the 10 County Area Contest where Logan placed first and David placed third in their divisions. Logan went on to place second in the State Contest. Congratulations to all the participants for their accomplishments.

**photo 'Barron County Winners' from left: David Bognar, Clay Steiner, (both Chetek Middle School), McKylie Hoff, Justin Nelson, (both Prairie Farm Middle School), Kelsey Olson, Quinn Steiner, (both Chetek Middle School), Kylee Lofthus, (New Auburn Schools), Angie Ramos, (Chetek Middle School), Logan LaGesse (New Auburn High School)